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Old Time Range Men's Dinner



Fiftieth Annual

OLD TIME RANGE MEN'S DINNER



**Tuesday, July 7th, 1981
6:30 p.m.**

Your Host

Canadian Pacific

**CP Hotels Ltd
The Palliser**

CHARLIE KENNEDY
Your Chairman

HOST KEN MacKELL
Vice President and General Manager,
Palliser Hotel



WILLIAM W. STINSON

Bill Stinson is the fourth generation of a family whose connection with railroading goes back more than a century to Brockville, Ontario, where his Great-Grandfather worked as a Roadmaster when the CPR was still only in idea.

In May this year, at the age of 47, Bill Stinson was elected a Director and 12th President of Canadian Pacific Limited.

His new responsibilities for all the transportation operations of Canadian Pacific follow two years as Executive Vice-President, CP Rail. As the Railway's Senior Officer he was often in Western Canada — and frequently talking "to anyone who would listen" about the Railway and the West. He sees both as on the verge of an era as vigorous as the one that began with the Company's founding 100 years ago.

Born in Toronto, he was educated there, gaining his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Toronto in 1954. The following year, he received a diploma in Graduate Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario.

He spent his summer vacations during University working for the Railway, and joined Canadian Pacific as an Assistant Research Analyst after graduation. He held a number of positions in the Operating Department of CP Rail before being appointed Superintendent of the Toronto Division in 1966.

In 1969 he became Assistant General Manager, Operation and Maintenance, on the Pacific Region covering British Columbia and Alberta. From 1971 to 1974, he was General Manager, Operation and Maintenance, first on the Pacific Region, then on the Eastern Region.

In 1974 he moved to Montreal as Assistant Vice-President, Operation and Maintenance, for the system. Two years later he became Vice-President, Operation and Maintenance, and, in 1979, Executive Vice-President, CP Rail, the position he held prior to his election as President.

Bill Stinson is married with two daughters and a son.

The Northwest Territories Pool Wagon

Will Camp on the Palliser Flats, at the Junction of the Bow
and Elbow Rivers

Tuesday, July 7th, 1981

Chuck will be ready at 6:30 p.m.

Charlie Kennedy of the C.P.R. Outfit will be Captain of the Round-up

All reps must be at the "wagon" by 5:30 p.m. Be There!



The C.P.R. Outfit covers a lot o' range.

You boys have worked over lots of it, and we are sure glad to have you camp with
our "wagon" tonight.

We told the cooks to do it good.

All ranches have told cooks many things. Sometimes they do it.

Put your name on the list and try an' live over the old days.

They were good ones.

The results of the old time range men's hard work are to be seen all over this
Northwestern range.

Their efforts have done much to produce the present prosperity.

We're glad you are here, and hope you are.

CANADIAN PACIFIC.

Grub Pile

(SAME AS IN 1929)

"Come an' Git It, or We'll Throw It Out"

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ALBERTA CELERY AND ITALIAN OLIVES

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OPEN RANGE BEEF BOUILLON WITH WEDDING RICE

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DUTCH OVEN NESTER CHICKEN WITH SHAMROCK BACON
AND

COW CAMP CORN FRITTERS

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CANUCK PEAS WITH MINT AND CAMPFIRE FRIED POTATOES

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LEAF LETTUCE AND DANDELION SALAD WITH SAGE HEN EGG
DRESSING

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FRONTIER CORN CAKE WITH GOLDEN SYRUP

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WATER FROM THE SPRING IN THE BANK

If you can beat it, produce

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After the usual gab during the meal, everybody go up to the bed-wagon on
the cut bank where augerin' and irregatin' plans will be discussed an' gone
into in detail.

LET'S FORM A RANGE MEN'S ASSOCIATION AND FEED ON THIS CAMP
GROUND EVERY STAMPEDE WEEK

"A Memory as Long as History"

(Reprinted from the menu for the 25th Old Time Range Men's Dinner July 10, 1956)

A search of old newspaper files has established that the Old Time Range Men's Dinner celebrating its silver* anniversary this year (there were no dinners in the war years of 1943-44-45) had a spontaneous growth, like all the best parties.

The first one was held the Tuesday of Stampede Week in 1929 and at that time A. E. Cross, one of the Big Four who underwrote the first Stampede (Pat Burns, George Lane, A. J. McLean were the others) suggested that it be an annual event.

Mr. Cross felt it should include all those who took their part in the early cattle industry of the West — ranch owners, cooks, range bosses, wranglers, all meeting on a plane of equality and with a common bond of pioneer work.

The oldtimers came to that first dinner prepared to talk about this because a 1929 program, which is a prize possession of Charlie McKinnon, says this: "Let's form a ranchmen's association and feed on this camp ground every Stampede Week."

What R. B. Bennett said at the first dinner in 1929 on the part the principal guests had played in the development of the country has never been bettered as a keynote. It was: "You have left behind you that valuable adjunct of civilization — tradition, and you have left a memory that will endure as long as the history of the country."

It was at the 1930 dinner, where Premier J. G. Brownlee was the speaker was the speaker, that Grant Hall, senior vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, announced the dinner would be an annual event. This was also the year that H. F. Matthews, general manager of hotels for the Canadian Pacific, was listed as a guest. It was 1932 when the story made its first appearance that while Grant Hall had said in 1930 the dinner would be kept up as long as he was vice-president of the C.P.R., IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, 1931, D.C. Coleman speaking as vice-president of western lines (later to become chairman and president) said there would be a dinner as long as the C.P.R. ran. This dinner in 1931 was the first one after Pat Burns had been made a senator and he also reached his 75th birthday that week with both events being suitably marked.

The first dinner in 1929 heard Lieutenant Governor William Egbert (Alberta) pay a joint tribute when he told the range men "your coming was coincident with that of the C.P.R. and between you y l aid the foundation for the greatness of this province."

That was the dinner where W. M. Neal, general manager of western lines for the C.P.R., another who rose to chairman and president, pointed out that the very first shipment the Canadian Pacific ever made from the West had a livestock connection for it was a trainload of buffalo bones being sent east to Montreal.

The 1929 dinner also saw the tradition start of the president of the Calgary Stampede being a guest, with Nat Christie being the first president to so participate.

It was 1930 before a distinguished guest from overseas was reported as joining the fun with Lord Middleton, of Yorkshire, England, being the first of many such.

The tradition of a Calgary officer of the C.P.R. being master of ceremonies was established early with Andy Halkett, general superintendent of the Alberta district, being the first chairman. In 1932 he made a special point of saying that it was J. J. McGuire, manager of the Palliser, who had first suggested that range men be so entertained. Mr. Coleman who was chief officer for the road in the West at that time and who had been "general" at Calgary 1913-1915 in the early days of the Stampede said go ahead.

Speakers have included a prime minister of Canada (Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett in 1934) and a president of the C.P.R. (N.R. Crump in 1955).** Others who have had thier say include Senator Burns, Mayor Ryder Davis of Fort Macleod, Senator Buchanan, Lt. Gov. J. J. Bowlen, Lt. Col. W. F. W. Hancock of the Mounties, Col. J. S. Dennis and Premier John Bracken, all oldtimers.

Several times chairman at the event were E. D. Cotterell, who was general superintendent at Calgary and later became vice-president of eastern lines of the C.P.R., and Tommy Acheson, general agricultural agent. Of late years an excellent chairman has been Charlie Kennedy, by talent and position (manager of the Alberta Stock Yards) a natural for the job.*** Important links with the past show up in the reportage of the event. At the first dinner Lieutenant Governor McGregor of Manitoba, a rancher himself, told the guests that he shipped stock himself for the first time in 1888. That was the dinner when Lawyer Bennett drew a roar of applause by saying his own brand BAR NWT was registered on his admission to the bar in 1897. The early dinners made a point of a presentation to the man longest in the ranch west and Ed Larkin of Macleod won the first one in 1929 for his record of having been a range cook in Alberta in 1874.

That souvenir menu which Charlie McKinnon has includes some wonderful letters from oldtimers replying to the invitation to the 1929 dinner.

Picking out bits and pieces here and there, all from oldtime cattlemen, runs like this: *Bob Newbolt*—I joined with the Scouts in the Rebellion of 1885 for General T. B. Strange, manager of the House Ranch. . . *L. McKinnon*—Went as chor boy for the Military Colonization Co.'s ranch, 45 miles southeast of Calgary on the Bow River in the spring of 1886 and after 17 days was promoted to ranch hand. . . *Francis B. Ward*—We did not run a grub wagon at Douglas Lake, B.C. in 1898-1899 but three small pack horses which carried the whole outfit for as many as 14 to 20 riders, our country at that time was too rough for a wagon. . . *R. McLaren*—I was captain of the Sheep Creek Division of the General round-up in 1898. . . *Walter Ross*—The Brown Ranch Co. Limited unloaded more than 600 heifers in June 1886 at Medicine Hat. . . *A. E. Cross*—The Mosquito Creek Wagon was a combination outfit of Bar XY owned by Samson and Hartford; C. C. W. E. Cochrane manager; The Two Dot, Harry Alexander, manager; Hull and Trounce, W. H. Hull, manager; The Bar S, Walter C. Skrine, owner; Bar D, Blunt and Holmes, High River; The P. L. Ranch, George Ross and myself, A-7 Ranch. I became wagon boss on the round-up on this outfit about 1889 or '90. . . *P. G. Thomas*—I was punching cows for the 76 outfit when I joined the North West Mounted Police in 1897. . . *F. W. Ings*—I rode on the first round-up in the spring of 1883. Previously I went to the mountains with Mat. Dunn, who had a beef herd supplying the surveyors and engineers who were running the C.P.R. . . *Brice H. Bunney*—In the Fall of 1889 I went to Montreal with one of the first trains of Waldron beef shipped from Pincher over the Crow's Nest road, these were bought by Archie McLean. I was away in Africa, serving in the Strathcona Horse until 1903. . . *Frank Collicut*—I herded cattle for P. Burns in 1893 and was horse wrangler for the "Two Bar" Outfit in 1894. Blue Osbourne was in charge of roundup for Gordon, Ironsides and Freres. Angus Sparrow was western manager for this outfit. . . *Jack Wassman*—I left Eaton's, Toronto, August 13, 1898, armed with a lot of ambition, a suitcase and a christie hat. A man in Calgary tells me I have a job but for --- sake get a different HAT. In the summer of 1889 I saw my first round-up that took in all south of the Elbow and Indian Reserve from the Chipman ranch, R. G. Robinson's, to Cow Camp in Foothills. The report of his twenty-foot whip would start a stampede or a Mexican revolution. . . *James G. Bews*—In 1895 I trailed for John Lineham from Edmonton to De-

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"A Memory as Long as History" (continued)

wdaney (Okotoks). Here I became an adherent for three years, of the round-up with John Ware, better known as Nigger John . . . *Hunter Powell* — I was the first man to take the round-up wagon down to Bow River. I lost all my horses on the trip . . . *Allan B. McDonald* — In 1886 I promoted, organized, selected the land and leases situated in Tp. 12, Rge. 29, West 4th M. of the Glengarry Ranch Company and continued as managing director until the ranch was sold in 1910. Following were members of the original company: Sir Donald Mann,


Col. R. R. McLennan, Donald Grant, D. W. Grant, I. M. Ross, Luke Madigan and myself . . . *D. S. MacIntosh* — For six years I was foreman of the 44 Ranch, was steer roping champion of the Territorial Exhibition held in Regina in 1896.

All of them cheered the chance to relive the old days when, as Guy Weadick used to say, the "real" ranching was done.

* This year is the golden anniversary of the Old Time Range Men's Dinner.

** Ian Sinclair was our speaker in 1972, and today Bill Stinson.

*** Charlie is now retired but as good a chairman as ever.



Guest List of the First Range Men's Dinner Held Tuesday, July 9th, 1929

Dick Allen
Wm. Bannister
J. C. Bews
J. H. W. Bond
W. T. Boulton
B. H. Bunny
F. A. Burton
G. D. Casson
John Clark
Frank Collicutt
A. E. Cross
Robt. Cruikshank
Jack Dempsey
W. N. Elliott
E. A. Elton
A. Fleming
John Gillies
J. Haslett
Hon. George Hoadley

A. Hutton
F. W. Ings
J. D. Kirkpatrick
Ed Larkin
C. F. A. Leeds
Charles Lerhr
Col. W. A. Lyndon
A. J. McConnell
H. McConnell
G. R. McElroy
Lachlin McKinnon
R. McLaren
Hon. A. J. McLean
John McLeod
F. A. Mead
H. Millar
Jas. Mitchell
J. Nesbitt
J. C. Oswald

O. H. O'Tott
Guy Pallister
B. Pearson
W. S. Playfair
John Read
P. E. Riggan
S. Roberts
Wm. Ross
J. L. Sexsmith
H. M. Shaw
R. O. Sykes
P. G. Thomas
E. F. Thomson
E. J. Thorne
R. A. Wallace
F. B. Ward
Jack Wassman
J. B. Watt
H. B. Wilson

Joe Fisher F.L.R.

Stan Guter
 Bruce Jackson
 Peter Mitchell

Bruce Gray J.A.

Murray Jackson M J RH
 David Slater R 9-

Mike Rodgers Z
 David Edge -E-

Norman Edge 14 R.H.
 Wm T. P. P. C. R. H.

Jack Wheeler C. R. H.

Joe Fisher 7 L.R.

Mike Strunk C. P. R. H.

~~Joe Fisher~~

J. F. Patterson

Verne Dennis 2-2

Wayne Schloer M 7 L.R. L.T.

Richard Gorton X R.R.

Dale Dewart X H L.R.

John Blake L.H. L.S.

Geoff Haylett U H.D.

J. L. Blake U.E.

Frank Hattey

Stuart A. Ross S.R.

Dan Hays S 7
 Geo Edwards L

Neil Harne X

Wallace Douglas 100

J. L. Saville 3Y-RR

Bud Sonnie 100 L.R.

Malcolm Daley X L.R.

Fenton Blair +1 R.R. 3 R.S.

B. E. Patterson B.P. J.E.

Hunny Cohen C.M.

Gene Scaff B.M.

Stan Davidson B.O.M.

Frank S. Scaff Herald

Owen Fennel

~~W. A. Mappin~~

1902 W. A. Mappin

W. A. Mappin M. L. R.

F. H. Mappin F.H.M. L.R.

George Jameson G.J. R.S.

Gordon Gumbel L.S.

W.S. (B.I.) Herron L. Ribs

Hal Sellisay F.B.C.

W. F. G. G. C.O.K.

Earl James J L.R.

Nebo, Qld. Australia.

Frank Copithorne F.E.R.S.

William F. M. Kendrick X R.H.

Keith Jensen

Norman Wold V.T.

Jack Orons E.V.

George Dutcher O.L.H.

Bob Knight 70 T

Walter Smith 9P BASSANO

Jack Hayes

John Owen

Jay Manno

Alex Hartell 8 R.H.

7 L. R.R.

L. F. Hartell L-F R.R.

Don Williams

Dan Osborne

Keith Swanson

Jim Robinson E.R.H.

Val Vesta Ranch

DAVID ROBINSON U.W. L.H.

Ken Van Wyl Strathmore

G. F. Van Wyl Sidney B.C.

Tony Van Wyl Calgary

Earl Olson

Buck Grump N.C.

Ken Moore

Bill Steenson

Jack Regie.

Jack O'Brien.

Al Bourque

AUTOGRAPHS

Ed Shute
 Norm Morris
 Lyn Macmillan H RR
 Clayton Griffin CO RR
 Webb Munro JU LR
 Reg Munro HN RR
 Vincent Robinson VR L.R.b
 J.L. Macdonald A LR
 Raymond White 74 L.R.
 Bill White Maple Creek

Nector M^S ELROY $\frac{7}{7}$
 W.L. Sex Smith
 (J.L. Sex Smith) - $\frac{5}{7}$
 M.L. (Mac) Wallace O
 John Cross A7

Jim Cross $\frac{7}{7}$

ART McKINNON XL
 Chas. H. McKinnon $\frac{X}{L}$

Gordon Burton L

Ted Bannister

Benny Bannister

Morton McElroy 7 R.H. (Right Hip)

Russell Lawrence L L.H. M.L.

Joe Gilchrist. T L.H.

John a Lutton 23 L.H.

Alan Gilchrist $\text{\textcircled{A}}$ Letterhead.

Bill Gilchrist VI R.H.

Neil McKinnon X L.R.

Mal Shortt SRS MOE LR

Brian J. Dickson
 Angus Gibson JG, P.
 Jim Mitchell $\frac{7}{7}$ LR.

John Pope
 Arthur Pope $\frac{7}{7}$

Harry Macdonald - 17 RR
 Archie Bayne JP + ind
 Eric Fiddle ASY
 P.A. Yeast. $\frac{7}{7}$ LR.
 A. Thompson OS

GIB BEATSON.

Alan Copithorne \uparrow RH

Ed Copithorne \uparrow RH

Grant McNabb \times RH

Sam Copithorne \uparrow

Brian Copithorne \uparrow RR

Bob Copithorne \uparrow R.R.

William A McHendrick $\frac{7}{7}$ RR

Tom Moore
 Walter H. James 1 RT

Phil H. Sykes
 W. A. Sykes
 James Evans LE

John Gunning
 Alf Smith

Bill Tye

D Brian Edge Cockburn D-7 LR